

**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

ACTION MINUTES

Thursday, December 4, 2003

**818 West Seventh Street
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Los Angeles, CA 90017**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO-CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG's OFFICE.

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG offices in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mayor William Alexander, SANBAG Subregion. There was a quorum.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair William Alexander called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice Mayor Lyle Alberg
Mayor William Alexander, **Chair**
Councilmember Paul Bowlen
Councilmember Edward Burgnon
Mayor Cristina Cruz Madrid
Councilmember Alta E. Duke, **Vice-chair**
Councilmember Paul Nowatka
Councilmember Bev Perry
Councilmember Bedford Pinkard
Councilmember Laura Richardson-Batts
Councilmember Deborah Robertson
Mayor Charles White

WRCOG Subregion
SANBAG Subregion
City of Cerritos
SANBAG Subregion
SGVCOG Subregion
City of La Palma
City of Torrance
City of Brea
City of Oxnard
City of Long Beach
SANBAG Subregion
WRCOG Subregion

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Councilmember Melanie Andrews
Councilmember Gary Bosworth
Mayor Pro Tem Mike Dispenza
Councilmember Bart Doyle
Councilmember Manuel Guillen

City of Compton
CVAG Subregion
City of Palmdale
City of Sierra Madre
Gateway Cities COG

Councilmember Susan Longville
Mayor Ronald Loveridge
Councilmember Keith McCarthy
Mayor Kathryn McCullough
Councilmember Efren J. Moreno, Jr.
Supervisor Chris Norby
Councilmember Jan Perry
Councilmember Marsha Ramos
Councilmember Ed Reyes
Councilmember M. Jo Shields
Mayor Pro Tem Van T. Tran
Councilmember Bob Yousefian

SANBAG Subregion
City of Riverside
City of Downey
OCCOG Subregion
San Gabriel Valley COG
County of Orange
City of Los Angeles
Arroyo Verdugo Subregion
City of Los Angeles
City of Brawley
OCCOG Subregion
City of Glendale

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments at this meeting.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar item was MOVED (White), SECONDED (Perry) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1 Approval Item

3.1.1 Minutes of the November 6, 2003 meeting

4.0 ACTION ITEM

4.1 2004 State and Federal Legislative Program

Ms. Tonya Gorham, Government Affairs Analyst at SCAG, presented the revised SCAG 2004 Legislative Program for the committee's approval. The program was presented to and approved by the Committee at the November 6, 2003 meeting but other policy committees offered recommendations for changes to the program. Staff has incorporated these recommendations. The program describes SCAG's advocacy priorities in the areas of transportation, housing, and the environment. It also outlines the issues that SCAG staff will monitor for legislative and regulatory changes. The revised version of the program also highlights issues on which SCAG staff, at the request of the Regional Council, will develop or explore policy positions.

Staff reviewed the specific changes in the Community, Economic, and Human Development section, then entertained questions from the Committee.

A motion to exclude the Local Finance section of the 2004 State and Federal Legislative Program and move the rest to the Regional Council was made.

ACTION: It was MOVED (Perry) and SECONDED (White) to **exclude the Local Finance section and approve and move the rest of the 2004 State and Federal Legislative Draft Program to the Regional Council.**

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Smart Growth Case Study

Mr. Rick Bishop, Executive Director of WRCOG reported to the Committee on this work product completed by the sub-region during the prior fiscal year. The case study graded the sub-region's performance on several growth and quality of life indicators. WRCOG found that the region has performed adequately in light of tremendous growth pressures.

5.2 Housing Element Compliance and Building Permit Issuance Report

Mr. Darryl Taylor, Associate Regional Planner at SCAG distributed the most recent update to the semi-annual report. The report found that the region has progressed in bringing Housing Elements into compliance with State law. Furthermore, the past year has seen tremendous growth in building permits, particularly in Riverside County.

5.3 Housing Element Working Group

Mr. Jacob Lieb, Senior Regional Planner at SCAG updated the Committee on the Statewide Housing Element Working Group. The group met on December 3, 2003 in Burbank, and is planning an interim report to the Legislature later in December.

Staff will continue to update the Committee, and will seek a position on formal proposals that come out of the negotiation.

5.4 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Growth Forecast Update

Mr. Joe Carreras, Lead Planner at SCAG informed the Committee that the COMPASS outreach review sessions have been scheduled in several sub-regions, and that a final calendar of sessions will be completed shortly. The sessions are great opportunity for local governments to become familiar with the assumptions and methodologies for the Growth Vision incorporated in the 2004 RTP.

5.5 Growth Visioning Subcommittee Report

Mayor Bev Perry, Chair of the Growth Visioning Subcommittee, reported that a peer review of the Draft 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Growth Vision Alternative is scheduled for December 11, 2003 at University of Southern California. About 30 experts from throughout the SCAG region have been invited to critique the assumptions and methodology used to develop and analyze the 2004 RTP Growth Vision Alternative.

Mayor Perry announced that 10 Subregions have confirmed to host a series of working sessions to review the preferred plan forecast at small area geographies and obtain feedback from local technical staff on the feasibility of the projections. The sessions have been scheduled in mid-December and early-January.

A very successful COMPASS public workshop focusing on the Four Corners area of the SCAG region was held at the Ontario Convention Center on December 1, 2003.

The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled on Thursday, December 18, 2003 at SCAG.

6.0 THE CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair did not have a report at this meeting.

7.0 STAFF REPORT

There was no staff report at this meeting.

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items scheduled at this meeting.

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

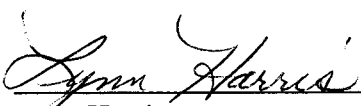
Councilmember Deborah Robertson of SANBAG Subregion requested that the 2004 Housing Summit be agendaized.

10.0 CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session held.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m. The next CEHD meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2004 at SCAG.

Signed: 
Lynn Harris
Manager, Community Development